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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON CIVILIAN DETAINEE

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1. WE RECOMMEND THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN

KOCH'S NOVEMBER 18 LETTER BE AS FOLLOWS:

2. OUR EMBASSY IN SAIGON POINTS OUT THAT WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN ADVISERS AND SUPPORT FOR THE VIETNAMESE PRISON SYSTEM AS REQUIRED BY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN AMENDING THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT THE EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO OBTAIN ACCURATE AND DETAILED INFORMATION IN SPECIFIC CASES HAS BEEN SEVERELY CURTAILED.

3. THE EMBASSY FURTHER POINTS OUT THAT IT CANNOT WITH ANY DEGREE OF RELIABILITY DETERMINE WHETHER THE ASSERTIONS MADE BY MISS HIEN TO A NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER ARE TRUE MUCH LESS WHETHER THEY ARE ACCURATE. NOR CAN THE EMBASSY STATE THAT STATEMENTS APPARENTLY MADE BY MISS HIEN TO THE REPORTER ARE NOT TRUE ALTHOUGH NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIATE THESE ASSERTIONS HAS COME TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE EMBASSY WOULD CATEGORICALLY STATE THAT ABUSE OF MISTREATMENT OF PRISONERS IS NOT A POLICY OF PRACTICE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM ANY MORE THAN IT IS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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